FRUIT FLY (COMPENSATION) BILL 1964

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Second reading

**The Hon. D. N. BROOKMAN (Minister of Agriculture**) moved:

That the Speaker do now leave the Chair and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the purpose of considering the following resolution: That it is desirable to introduce a Bill for an Act to provide for compensation for loss arising from measures to eradicate fruit fly.

Motion carried.

Resolution agreed to in Committee and adopted by the House. Bill introduced and read a first time.

The Hon. D. N. BROOKMAN: I move:

*That this Bill be now read a second time.*

I thank honourable members for permitting me to explain the Bill at this stage. The reason for wishing the Bill to be brought in as soon as possible will become clear in the second reading explanation. It is in similar form to the Acts passed in 1959 and 1963, its object being to enable the payment of compensation for losses arising from the campaign for eradication of fruit fly. A proclamation relating to the Port Augusta area was made in November of last year under the Vine, Fruit, and Vegetable Protection Act, and, as honourable members know, the practice has been for compensation to be given for losses arising by reason of any act of officers of the Agriculture Department within proclaimed areas. Clause 3 of the Bill accordingly provides for such compensation and compensation for loss arising from the prohibition of removal of fruit from land in a proclaimed area. Clause 4 fixes the time limit for lodging of claims, but this year the date is fixed at November 1, 1964, rather than February 1, 1965, having regard to the late stage of last year when the proclamation was issued. Otherwise, the Bill is in the usual terms.

Mr. FRANK WALSH secured the adjournment of the debate.